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For: COMPUTER METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING STATE OF PHYSICAL PROPERTIES IN A CHEMICAL PROCESS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 2, line 20, after "involves" change "heat and mass balance equations" to read --equations for heat and mass balances--.

On page 2, line 21, after "kinetics" insert --process geometries and control strategies--.

On page 3, line 3, after "its" change "mass and energy equations, polymer thermodynamics and kinetics" to read --equations related to heat and mass balances, polymer thermodynamics, kinetics, process geometries and control strategies--.

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On page 3, line 7, after "polymerization and", change "gas" to read --reactant--.

On page 4, line 8, after "Aspen IQ" insert --or Aspen Online--.

On page 5, line 13, after "a first" insert --or higher--.

On page 8, line 6, change "a flow stream" to read --a process flow sheet--.

On page 14, line 9, change "These can be five" to read "Although these conditions can be a few--.

On page 14, line 10, after "old" delete "and thus" and insert a comma therefor.

On page 14, line 10, after "latest" delete "instantaneous properties" and insert instead --conditions available--.

On page 14, line 24, after "takes several" insert --seconds to several--.

On page 15, line 2, after "every" insert --one to--.

On page 15, line 16, change "dynamic-hybrid model" to read --inferred dynamic model--.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing amendments are for clarity and are clerical in nature. No new matter is being introduced. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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